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EXCESS WHEAT MUST BE USED BY MAY 31

Producers with excess wheat acreage under the marketing quota or allotment programs are permitted to turn such acreage as green manure, pasture it out, or cut it green for hay or silage. However, any acreage on which wheat is left standing after May 31, 1954, will be regarded as wheat for purposes of the marketing quota and allotment programs.

Any farmer who planted wheat in 1954 without an allotment and whose farm has not been visited by a representative of the county ASC committee to measure the acreage should request his county office to measure the acreage as soon as possible. A marketing card for the sale of wheat will not be issued for any farm on which the wheat acreage has not been determined.

MARKETING QUOTA MEETINGS WITH WHEAT BUYERS

A series of county meetings with wheat buyers have been scheduled. An afternoon meeting will be held in each of the counties on the following dates:

New Castle	May 18
Kent	May 19
Sussex	May 20

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss marketing quota regulations on wheat as they pertain to and affect persons who buy wheat. All known dealers are being notified of the meetings. Other interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

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The Department of Agriculture's Turkey Advisory Committee has declared that the production of heavy breed turkeys may exceed the 1953 production by at least ten percent. The Committee recommends that breeder flocks of heavy-type turkeys be marketed early as possible, that production of late turkeys be cut, and that the Government and industry efforts to increase turkey consumption be stepped up.

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PENALTY RATE SET FOR EXCESS WHEAT

The marketing quota penalty rate on excess wheat has been set at \$1.12 per bushel according to an announcement made April 30, 1954, by the Director, Grain Division, Commodity Stabilization Service, Washington.

This rate is equivalent to 45 percent of the May 1 parity price and will apply in all wheat producing counties.

OUTLOOK DARK FOR WHEAT STORAGE

Delaware farmers can expect extreme difficulty in trying to secure storage space for 1954 crop wheat in the railroad elevators in Baltimore and Philadelphia. At least this was the conclusion of representative grain dealers and representatives of various agricultural agencies which met with the ASC State committee on April 15 to discuss the local storage situation. It was reported that railroad elevators have more loan grain on hand than they have allotted loan space for in any recent year. Unless this grain can be moved out by harvest, it is not expected that loan space will be available for this year's crop.

Mr. William M. Berger, representative of Cargill, Inc., Seaford, Delaware, has reported to the committee that Cargill will accept delivery of wheat at Seaford to be shipped by barge to Albany, New York, where it will be stored at Uniform Grain Storage Agreement rates. The storage rates under the UGSA are considerably less than those of the railroad elevators and the difference is reported to substantially offset the barge transportation charges.

Farmers should check with their handlers early and try to make definite arrangements for storage before beginning harvest.

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WHAT IS EFFICIENCY?

Efficiency in farming is many things.

It's crops and soils, methods and men. It's planting adapted varieties that make high yields of good products. It's getting the plowing, seeding, and harvesting done on time. It's turning under manure and crop residues to add organic matter and maintain good soil structure. It's applying fertilizers and lime. It's saving the soil from erosion. It's processing and storing products to avoid waste. It's adopting new ways proved to be better than the old.

To produce efficiently, farmers need the best of knowledge, materials, and techniques. It's the business of research to supply them.

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"Strength" is reputed to be the longest one-syllable word in the language. In all things strength does go pretty far.

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DELAWARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1955 ACP

Representatives of Federal, State, and local agricultural offices met at Dover on April 26 to review county reports and formulate State recommendations on the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program. Most of the changes recommended for 1955 in individual practices were for purposes of clarifying the specifications. It was proposed that the practice authorizing cost-sharing for lime be revised to provide for setting up a "lime account" for each farmer in lieu of the present restriction against approving the practice on the same field more than once. It was believed that the use of the "lime account" would provide the same assurance against continual payments for the practice, would be far easier to administer, and would permit the farmer freedom to use his lime allotment on the fields where it was most needed.

The group proposed that cost-sharing be permitted for clearing land for tree planting in 1955 provided the trees were planted by May 1, 1956. Rye was recommended as an eligible crop to be seeded for winter protection from erosion. Strong arguments were put forward for the inclusion of lespedeza and ladino as an eligible mixture for use as green manure and protective cover. There was fairly general agreement that the lespedeza-ladino mixture provides a good protective sod cover, but there was considerable doubt that paying for the practice would result in an increase in the acreage sufficient to justify the expenditure that would be made.

The group went on record as favoring a practice to encourage farmers to leave acres diverted from corn or wheat in a legume sod for an additional year as a practical means of doing something to prevent the diverted acres going into other crops already in surplus supply. The group also favored changes in operating procedures that would provide more flexibility in the approval of cost-shares under subsequent programs.

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Had Your Milk Today? A history-making program to increase the consumption of dairy products got underway April 1 and will carry on through the peak of June. The Department has assurance of cooperation of the dairy industry in the program. The Department has also launched a nationwide educational movement to increase culling of low-producing cows. It is believed the farmer and dairyman have more incentive to sell more cows since beef prices have strengthened in recent months.

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Total stocks of peanuts on March 31 were six percent smaller than on the same date last year. During March, holdings of farmers' stock peanuts by the Government or under Government loan were reduced about 42 percent. Most of the peanuts were shelled for export and domestic crushing in connection with CCC price operations. Preliminary reports show use of shelled peanuts in making salted peanuts and peanut butter is running above a year ago while use of peanuts for candy is down.

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DELAWARE TO GET NEW AERIAL PHOTOS

Arrangements have been completed whereby the State of Delaware will share with the Department of Agriculture the cost of securing new aerial photographs of the State. County ASC offices will use enlargements of the photographs to determine acreages planted to crops under allotment programs and in connection with determining performance under Agricultural Conservation Programs. Many State, county, and municipal agencies have need of photographs in connection with planning harbor and coastal improvements, laying out proposed sites, for highways, streets, parks, utility lines, etc., inventorying natural resources, and for other similar uses.

Mr. Miles Frederick, Director of the Department of Development acted as the representative of Governor Boggs in coordinating the requests of the various agencies in the State that are contributing to the cost of the project. Mr. Ralph Moyer, of U. S. D. A., Washington, has acted for the Federal Government and will arrange for securing the photographs. It is expected that contracts for the work will be secured by June 1 and that enlargements will be available to county ASC offices by late August.

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The Department of Agriculture's Egg Advisory Committee has expressed opposition to price support, surplus removal, or subsidy programs for eggs. The committee said that it "believes in self-help, leaving to the industry the solution of its own problems."

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In Delaware the 1953 gross income from farm chickens was \$1,734,000 or \$6,000 less than in 1952. Income from eggs was \$6,029,000, or \$624,000 more than in 1952. Income from commercial broilers was less than in 1952.

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"The person who drives by the golden rule will never have a serious accident" declares Ned Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council.

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